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September 30, 2023

VIA ECF

**MEMO ENDORSED**

Hon. Sidney H. Stein  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 23A  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: *United States v. Robert Menendez et al.*, Case No. 1:23-cr-00490-SHS**

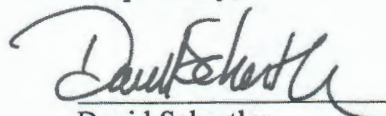
Dear Judge Stein:

We write on behalf of our client, defendant Nadine Menendez, to request that Ms. Menendez be excused from appearing personally at the status conference in this case that is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 43(b)(3) provides that a "defendant need not be present" if "[t]he proceeding involves only a conference or hearing on a question of law." We understand that the appearance on October 2, 2023, will address discovery issues and scheduling. Ms. Menendez' counsel will be present in the courtroom and is prepared to discuss any and all issues. We understand that the Court has already granted requests filed by defendant Senator Menendez in the above-referenced matter for an order waiving his appearance from the October 2, 2023 conference [Docket No. 34].

We have conferred with the government, and AUSA Eli Mark has informed us that the government takes no position on this request.

Respectfully,



David Schertler  
Danny Onorato  
*Counsel for Nadine Menendez*

cc: All Counsel (via ECF)

Dated: New York, New York

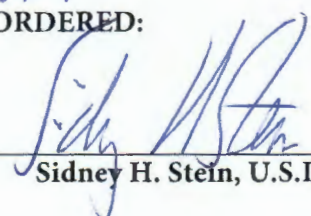
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*Request denied*  
SO ORDERED:

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